

REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and remarks which follow are responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 23, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that Restriction Requirement, the Examiner requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to either Species I shown in Figure 1, or Species II shown in Figure 3. The Examiner also indicated that, of the originally filed claims, Claim 18 is generic.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, Species I (Figure 1) for initial prosecution on the merits. In accordance with this election, Applicant has amended independent Claim 9 in a manner believed to make the same generic. Additionally, Applicant has amended Claims 10, 14, 15 and 16 to make the language thereof consistent with that of amended Claim 9, and to place the same within the scope of Applicant's election. Claim 17 has been also been amended, but has been withdrawn due to the same being directed to Species II shown in Figure 3. However, since Claim 17 is dependent upon underlying generic Claim 9, Applicant will seek the rejoinder of Claim 17 upon any indication of the allowance of Claim 9. Original Claims 1-8 are also believed to be within the scope of Applicant's election.

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